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During Amb. Elliot Richardson's testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the subject of NIE 2-1-77, Law of the Sea, was raised. State deferred to the DCI when asked for the estimate, but agreed to pass along the request. That has now happened. Someone from State (apparently in the Department's LOS operation) called NFAC's LOS man, and \_\_\_\_\_\_ called me. David Keaney of the SFR Staff is the proposed recipient.

Present guidelines require that requests for NIEs from other than the Select Committees be made by the Chairman of the Committee concerned to the DCI. You may wish to have someone from your staff get in touch with Keaney to see if he wants to have Senator Sparkman pursue this course. Incidentally, we recall—but can find no written record of—a similar request for this estimate last year. (Perhaps from Senator Case?) We think the DCI offered a briefing but not the estimate itself.

Copy of estimate attached. Please return copy to us after a decision is reached.

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